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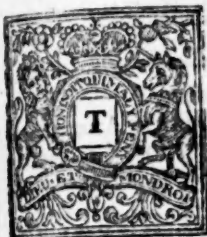
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To the DAILY GAZETTEER.

S I R,



HE following Ode, wrote by a Friend of mine, was not intended to be made publick; but as I had a Copy, I thought the Subject would give it a Tide to be inserted in your Paper.

I am, Sir, Yours,

A. Z.

An ODE to the Right Honourable Sir ROBERT WALPOLE, on the present State of Affairs in Europe.

I.

OF Treaties made, of Peace obtain'd;
Of Blessings by your Councils gain'd;
Of Nations, from the warring Sword,
To Plenty and to Joy restor'd;
Of Princes taught their Bounds to know,
Where, and no farther they shall go;
Of Europe's Balance poiz'd by Thee,
Thy Master Great, thy Country Free;
What Muse, in never-dying Verle,
Worthy the Subject, shall rehearse?

II.

O WALPOLE! 'mid the tuneful Choir,
Who to soft Numbers strike the Lyre,
Or sing, in more exalted Lays,
The Hero's, and the Statesman's Praise;
For Battles won, for Triumphs gain'd,
For Freedom kept, for Peace maintain'd;
None, none obey the glorious Call,
The mighty Theme too great for all;
For all, unless your Friend wou'd sing,
And DODINGTON re-touch his String.

III.

Then wou'd the Muses all attend,
Inspire the Poet and the Friend,
And bid his manly Numbers roll
Refin'd, and honest as his Soul,
And teach us, while they easy flow,
What 'tis to WALPOLE that we owe.
FACTION should droop her envious Head,
And charm'd asleep, a While seem dead.
No venal Bard, she cou'd accuse,
Wou'd hate the Song, but love the Muse.

IV.

Oh! that I could, with equal Art,
To Truth and Virtue fire the Heart,
With Joy I'd strike th' harmonious Strings,
In mighty Numbers, mighty Things;
I'd to the list'ning World relate,
And Love from Envy's self create:
Thy steady Mind, thy Honour clear,
Thy Reason strong, thy Soul sincere;
To Party lost, thy Foes shou'd view,
Thy Foes shou'd blush, and own 'em true.

V.

But to such Themes I dare not aim,
Unknown to Thee, unknown to Fame:
The Muse, unskill'd to touch the Lyre,
Will not to lofty Heights aspire;
Arlets, and rude, she fears to sing
The peaceful Triumphs of her King
(Triumphs more great and glorious far
Than all the Rage and Waste of War)
Left the disgrace, by her mean Strain,
The Acts and Glory of his Reign.

VI.

What Muse in Numbers could relate
Our SOVEREIGN'S Cares and Toils of State?

How, where his naval Crosses wave:
They curb the Strong, the Weak they save:
How he bids warring Kings to cease,
And careful plans the future Peace.
In Him how all the Nations find
The Guardian-Angel of Mankind,
Who, pitying, strives to save, with Joy,
What they, with Madness, wou'd destroy.

VII.

This Theme too great for all might be,
But, WALPOLE, far too great for me,
Who only, in an humble Song,
Theatrick Nymphs and Swains among,
Have follow'd Gay, Applause to find,
Have follow'd Gay, but far behind.
Let some more known your Praise rehearse
In wrangling Prose, or Prose-like Verse.
In this my honest Heart is shown,
Tho' ill I sing, — I sing unknown.

Barbados, December 18.

ON the 9th the Grand Sessions began at the new Court House in Bridge Town, when the Hon. John Maycock, Esq; Chief Justice, gave an excellent Charge to the Grand Jury, in which he congratulated them in the first Place, on the present Harmony betwixt the several Branches of the Legislature; on the unanimous Endeavours of their Commander in Chief, the Members of the Council, and the Gentlemen of the Assembly to serve the Publick, by doing Justice, encouraging Virtue, Sobriety and Merit, and discountenancing every thing of a contrary Complexion; and on the Prevalence of the like commendable Disposition amongst the Inhabitants in general.

He put them in Mind of the Sweets of the late mild and just Administration, and of the prudent Care lately taken to represent the ill State of their Trade to our Lords Commissioners, and the Difficulties they still labour under on that Account, with regard to their foreign Rivals; nor did he forget to mention the just and seasonable Application that had been made to the Throne for the Support of their Trade; from which, said he, we may humbly expect Redress according to the Nature of our Case, and as shall be agreeable to the consummate Wisdom and Goodness of our most Gracious Sovereign, where it must be acknowledged we have had repeated Experience. Then he mentioned two extraordinary Instances of the Royal Favour just arrived, viz. The Ordinance sent to them at the Expense of the Crown, and the Instructions to the Officers of the Customs concerning the Four and half per Cent. Duty, whereby the old Method of collecting it is in a good measure restored, with those fair Allowances which were deemed highly requisite at first, and are, of course, much more so, of later Years that our Plantations are manifestly decreased in their Value.

On the 11th Instant came on the Trial of Gelafius MacMahon, Esq; for the Murder of Mr. Thomas Keeling. He had Council assign'd him by the Court, to speak to such Matters of Law as should arise in the Course of the Trial, and several of them, besides himself, spoke to the Point, whether a certain Deposition taken before a Justice of Peace, and produced by the Attorney General, should be read against him; it being admitted that the Deponent was dead, and that the same was what it purported to be? But after a pretty long Debate, and the Attorney General had largely reply'd to what had been urg'd by Mr. MacMahon and his Council, the whole Court, except Three Members, voted that it should not be read. The Reason which the Court seem'd to go upon was, that the same Person had been examin'd before the Coroner, and that Deposition therefore they were of Opinion ought rather to have been read, which Mr. Attorney had before consented might likewise be read, if desir'd on the Part of the Prisoner. After this Question was determin'd, most of the Witnesses for the King having been already examined, two or three more were call'd; and then Mr. MacMahon proceeded to his Defence, which chiefly consisted in the Evidence of Mr. William Perry, who had been indicted for the same Offence,

and acquitted the last Grand Sessions but one, and who swore he saw Blood in the Deceased's Breast in the Alley, and before he run to the Store; as also that he verily believed he receiv'd the mortal Wound in the Engagement, and that no Thrust was made while the Deceased lay under the Stair Case, tho' several Witnesses depos'd, that the last Words Keeling said, was that he had killed or murder'd me upon the Ground, and there appeared divers Cuts upon the Stair Case, which Perry admitted, but said, if there had been any Thrust, he must have seen it. There had been four Doctors sworn, however, who saw the Wounds, and depose, that from the Situation of them, being on the left Side, they could not conceive how it was possible for him to receive them while fighting, or in any Posture of Defence. But as to this, Perry declar'd, that in the Rencontre he threw himself out of all Guard, when yet it was in Proof that he understood something of a Sword, and always fenc'd with his Right Hand. There were likewise some Authorities produced from Books by Mr. MacMahon, to shew that there had been many Instances of Persons living a considerable Time after they had been wounded in the Heart, and which was in order to obviate the Objection of the Deceased's having run from the Alley after his Sword was dropt, to the Store, and hiding himself under the Stair Case for Shelter.

The Attorney General then summed up the Evidence, and concluded in Behalf of the Crown, wherein he was universally allowed to have discharged the Duty of his Office with great Candour. After which the Marshal was sworn to take Care of the Jury, who, in less than half an Hour, returned with their Verdict, *Guilty of Manslaughter*. Whereupon the Chief Justice demanded of Mr. MacMahon what he had to say why Judgment of Death should not pass upon him, who claimed the Benefit of his Clergy, according to the Statute. But immediately after he petitioned, and strong Application was made in his Behalf to his Honour the President for a Pardon; which was obtained, and read the next Day in open Court, the same extending as well to a Remission of the Penalty of burning in the Hand, as to the Forfeiture of his Goods and Chattles.

The Grand Jury then coming into Court, delivered three Addresses, one to the King, one to his Honour the President, and one to the Chief Justice, which were publicly read, and well approved of; but as Copies have not yet come to our Hands, we cannot oblige our Readers with them at this Time.

L O N D O N.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from France, and another from Flanders.

By the Paris Almain, which is dated on Saturday last, we are told, that the Earl of Waldegrave and Mynheer Vanhoeve, the Ambassadors of Great Britain and Holland, have made a Visit to the Cardinal de Fleury; and congratulated him on the Part of their Sovereigns on the approaching Peace: That the Government has sent Circular Letters to all the Intendants of the Provinces, with Orders to put a Stop to the new Levies of Militia, and that there is no Design to recruit the old Corps; that they expect every Day to hear of the Treaty being sign'd between France and the Emperor, and that all the other Powers will be invited to accede to it.

The French and Swiss Guards, who had lately a Quarrel, which ended in Blows and Bloodshed, as already mentioned, have had a strict Order not to fight or quarrel any more on Pain of Death; and ever since that Time, when they happen to meet, they pass by one another without speaking a Word. The Letter adds, that three Persons eating some Mushrooms lately, which they had gather'd in the Wood of Boulogne, died that very Evening, and a fourth Man having but tasted them is very ill. The Actions of their India Company have kept up for several Days past at 1880.

They write from Naples, that the Infante Don Carlos, in order for the Improvement of the Sciences, has order'd the publick Schools to be all re-established, and the Structures that belong to them to be repaired.

From Rome, that all the Citizens, and other Persons within 40 Miles round, are order'd to give in

an Account of what Number of Horses they keep, within a Fortnight's time, which 'tis supposed to be with a View of Taxing them.
Yesterday the Judges met at the Court of Exchequer in Westminster-hall, and chose their Circuits as follows, viz.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

Lord Chief Justice Hardwick,
Mr. Baron Carter.

NORFOLK CIRCUIT.

Lord Chief Justice Reeves,
Mr. Baron Thompson.

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

Lord Chief Baron Reynolds,
Mr. Justice Page.

HOME CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Denton,
Mr. Justice Probyn.

MIDLAND CIRCUIT.

Mr. Baron Comyns,
Mr. Justice Lee.

OXFORD CIRCUIT.

M. Justice Fortescue Aland,
Mr. Justice Fortescue.

The same Day his Excellency Count Kinski, Ambassador Extraordinary from his Imperial Majesty, who the Night before arrived at his House in Hanover-Square from Vienna, was introduced to his Majesty at St. James's, and last Night he had a long Conference with his Grace the Duke of Newcastle.

This Day at Noon a General Council will be held at St. James's, when Mr. Baron Carter and Mr. Serjeant Uring, are ordered to attend and make the Report of the Malefactors now under Sentence of Death in Newgate.

On Tuesday last the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Hillsborough set out from his House in Hanover-Square for his Seat in Ireland.

Yesterday the Lady of William Gore, Esq; Member of Parliament for Cricklade in the County of Wilts, lay very dangerously ill at his House in Great Ormond-street.

The same Morning died at his House in Bond-street, Richard Hedges, Esq; a Gentleman of an Estate in the County of Sussex.

Also the same Day Sir William Ingolsby, Bart. lay very dangerously ill at his Lodgings in Tavistock-street, Covent-Garden.

Her Grace the Dutches of Kendal is very ill at her House in Grosvenor-square.

His Grace the Duke of Rutland has been pleased to present the Rev. Mr. Jackson, M. A. to the Rectory of Knaploft in the County of Leicester, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. Wharton.

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